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FOR: CARRIER FOR CO-CULTURING A FERTILIZED OVUM OF AN ANIMAL AND METHOD OF CULTURING A FERTILIZED OVUM OF AN ANIMAL USING THE CARRIER

INTERIM WAIVER of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1) FOR PETITION TO ACCEPT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicants request that the requirement for a Petition for Acceptance of Photographs be withdrawn. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1) as revised and published in the Official Gazette of August 4, 1998, petitions and/or petition fees are no longer required in order for the PTO to accept black and white photographs.

Applicants submit herewith SEVEN (7) sheets of Photographs for FIGS. 1 - 14.

Respectfully submitted,

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